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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

EUGENE R. WEDOFF,  
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

In re:

Muhammad Munawar Ali

Debtor.

Case No. 09 B 23552

Chapter 7

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF ORDER AWARDING TO  
CRANE, HEYMAN, SIMON, WELCH & CLAR, ATTORNEYS FOR TRUSTEE, FOR ALLOWANCE  
AND PAYMENT OF FINAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

TOTAL FEES REQUESTED: \$42,899.50  
TOTAL FEES REDUCED: \$690.02  
TOTAL FEES ALLOWED: \$42,209.48

TOTAL COSTS REQUESTED: \$888.91  
TOTAL COSTS REDUCED: \$0.00  
TOTAL COSTS ALLOWED: \$888.91

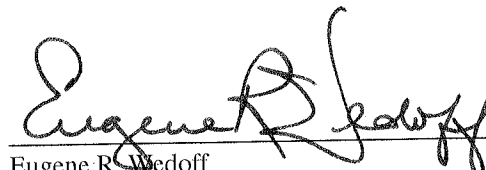
**TOTAL FEES AND COSTS ALLOWED: \$43,098.39**

THE COURT HAS MARKED THE ATTACHED TIME AND EXPENSE ENTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN DISALLOWED IN WHOLE OR IN PART. THE BASIS FOR EACH DISALLOWANCE IS DISCLOSED BY THE NUMERICAL NOTATION THAT APPEARS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF EACH HIGHLIGHTED ENTRY. THE NUMERICAL NOTATIONS REFER TO THE ENUMERATED PARAGRAPHS BELOW.

**(2) Unreasonable Time**

As to the time devoted to the preparation of the fee application itself, the Court denies the allowance of compensation that is disproportionate to the total hours in the main case. *In re Wildman*, 72 B.R. 700, 711 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1987) ("In the absence of unusual circumstances, the hours allowed by this Court for preparing and litigating the attorney fee application should not exceed three percent of the total hours in the main case."); *In re Spanjer Bros., Inc.*, 203 B.R. 85, 93 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1996) (compensation limited to 5%). See also *In re Pettibone Corp.*, 74 B.R. 293, 304 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1987) (citing *Coulter v. State of Tennessee*, 805 F.2d 146, 151 (6th Cir. 1986) (in non-bankruptcy cases, compensation for preparation and litigation of fee petitions limited to 3-5% of the hours of the main case)).

Dated: November 22, 2011

  
Eugene R. Wedoff  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>ATTY</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
08/18/11	Begin draft of fee application	SRC	1.30
	Begin draft of fee application	SRC	1.20
08/26/11	Continue draft of fee motion	SRC	1.30
08/27/11	Review and revise fee application.	SRC	2.50

Total:

6.30  
x \$450  
\$2,835

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Fees requested (total) \$42,899.50  
5% \$2,144.98

Fees disallowed with  
respect to preparation  
of fee application

(\$2,835 - \$2,144.98) = \$690.02